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1. SUMMARY. IN CHARGE'S RECENT MEETING WITH QAMARUL ISLAM, AS WELL AS IN DISCUSSIONS BY EMBASSY REPS WITH CHAIRMAN, NEWLY- FORMED NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT ACTION ON TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SURVEYS OF POPPY PRODUCTION IN MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS WAS STRESSED. NARCOTICS BOARD CHAIRMAN HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR REPORT AND SAID THAT ALTHOUGH REPORT WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL STUDY, HE PERSONALLY FOUND RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTABLE. HE ENVISIONS 10 MEMBER NARCOTICS BOARD PRESIDING OVER PERMANENT STAFF DIVIDED INTO INTELLIGENCE, ENFORCEMENT, AND PRODUCTION/ CONSUMPTION DIRECTORATES. REQUEST DEPT AND BNDD ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING LITERATURE FOR GOP ON ORGANIZED

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CRIME STRIKE FORCES. END SUMMARY.

2. COPIES OF NARCOTICS TEAM REPORT ARRIVED AT POST LATE MARCH 2 AND HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO VARIOUS GOP OFFICES. IN MARCH 5 MEETING WITH QAMARUL ISLAM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, PLANNING COMMISSION, CHARGE EMPHASIZED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS 5 THROUGH 7 ON SURVEYS OF POPPY PRODUCTION IN MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS, WOULD REQUIRE PROMPT ATTENTION. HE NOTED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUPPORTIVE OF ACTIONS WHICH GOP HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED READINESS TO UNDERTAKE. ISLAM WELCOMED ARRIVAL OF REPORT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON SURVEYS WITH M. Y. ORAKZAI, WHO HAD STARTED HIS JOB AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD ONLY FEW DAYS BEFORE. ISLAM SAID THAT ORAKZAI HAD BEEN GIVEN RANK EQUIVALENT TO ADDITIONAL SECRETARY AND THAT BOARD WOULD BE SITED IN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR TIME BEING.

3. A/DCM, BNDD REP, AND ECONOFF CALLED ON ORAKZAI MARCH 7. OTHER GOP PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING WERE ASRAR HUSAIN, NOW ASSIGNED AS FULL- TIME SECRETARY TO NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, AND TARIQ DURRANI, FORMER USAID ECONOMIST RECENTLY HIRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION. (DURRANI IS NOW WORKING PART- TIME ON NARCOTICS.) ORAKZAI STATED THAT HE HAD READ REPORT, THOUGHT IT VERY THOROUGH AND COMPETENT, AND SPEAKING PERSONALLY FOUND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTABLE. HE NOTED THAT GOP WOULD NOW HAVE TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS ON MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. SURVEYS. CHAIRMAN UNDERLINED HIS AWARENESS OF URGENCY OF REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRODUCTION SURVEYS. HE SAID THAT HE IS READY TO MOVE AHEAD AT ONCE IN ORGANIZING MERGED AREA SURVEY AND EXPECTS TO UTILIZE EXISTING AGRICULTURAL FIELD STAFF IN NWFP AND TO HIRE EXTRA EMPLOYEES TEMPORARILY AS NEEDED.

REGARDING CENTRAL TRIBAL AREAS ORAZAI PROMISED TO CHECK INTO PROGRESS MADE BY POLITICAL AGENTS, WHO HAD BEEN TASKED TO COME UP WITH ESTIMATES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POPPY PRODUCTION. ORAKZAI SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY

HAD DISCUSSIONS ON NARCOTICS WITH SEVERAL TRIBAL MALIKS
(ORAKZAI IS PATHAN HIMSELF) AND SAID THAT HE HOPED
TO BE ABLE TO SEND SOME PEOPLE INTO TRIBAL TERRITORY
TO CHECK ON WHATEVER STATISTICS POLITICAL AGENTS
PROVIDED. HE THOUGHT AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE
TRIBAL BELT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE SOME TIME TO ARRANGE.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL OF BOARD. ORAKZAI REPORTED THAT HE AND HIS EMBRYONIC STAFF HAD DRAWN UP EXECUTIVE ORDER, WHICH HE HOPED ISLAM WOULD APPROVE FOR GAZETTING IN NEAR FUTURE. ORDER WOULD ENUMERATE POWERS OF BOARD AND AUTHORIZES STAFF AND FUNDING. FOR REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR, ORAKZAI IS ASKING FOR TWO CUSTOMS OFFICERS, TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND TWO EXCISE OFFICERS (IN ADDITION TO ASRAR AND DURRANI) TO GET BOARD OFF GROUND. PLANNING REGARDING PERMANENT STRUCTURE OF BOARD IS STILL TENTATIVE, BUT ORAKZAI VISUALIZES BODY OF ABOUT 10 MEMBERS, INCLUDING MEMBER FOR CUSTOMS AND MEMBER FRO CENTRAL EXCISE FROM CENTRAL BOARD OF REVENUE, INSPECTOR- GENERAL SPECIAL POLICE ESTABLISHMENT, REPRESENTATIVES FROM AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH MINISTRIES, AND PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES. PERMANENT STAFF OF BOARD WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO DIRECTORATES FOR INTELLIGENCE, ENFORCEMENT, AND THIRD UNIT COVERING PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND REHABILITATION. IN ADDITION HE HOPES TO INCLUDE OFFICER FOR PUBLICITY AND LEGAL OFFICER TO DETERMINE IF FURTHER LEGISLATION OR AMENDMENT OF EXISTING LEGISLATION IS NECESSARY FOR BOARD TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS EFFECTIVELY , ESPECIALLY IN PROVINCES.

6. ORAKZAI WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING ORGANIZATION OF NARCOTICS STRIKING FORCES. GOP HAS IN MIND STRIKING FORCE IN EACH PROVINCE BUT IS STILL UNDECIDED ON CHAIN OF COMMAND UNDER WHICH THESE FORCES WOULD OPERATE. HE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION OF U. S. STRIKE FORCE AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME UNDER ATTORNEY- GENERAL.

7. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH ORAKZAI HAS JUST TAKEN OVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS NEW POSITION AND IS SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED AT THE MOMENT BY LACK OF STAFF, HE IMPRESSES US AS EAGER TO DO EFFECTIVE JOB AND TO GET BOARD LAUNCHED OPERATIONALLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HIS PRELIMINARY IDEAS ON ORGANIZATION OF BOARD APPEAR TO US TO BE SOUND. WE

ARE ENCOURAGED BY ORAKZAI'S UTILIZATION OF DURRANI,
WHO WAS AUTHOR OF RECENT AID STUDY ON POPPY PRODUCTION ,
AS WELL AS OF ASRAR HUSSAIN, WHO BRINGS MUCH NARCOTICS
EXPERIENCE TO HIS NEW FULL- TIME POSITION. EMBASSY
IS ASKING CONSUL VELLETRI TO FOLLOW UP ON SURVEYS
WITH NWFP OFFICIALS.

8. REQUEST DEPT AND BNDD'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
LITERATURE ON CONCEPT AND ORGANIZATION OF U. S. ORGANIZED CRIME
STRIKE FORCES AND DALE TASK FORCE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOP ASAP.
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